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AN ACTTo provide for increased international broadcasting activities
to China.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Radio Free Asia Act
5 of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

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2 China systematically controls the flow of information
3 to the Chinese people.

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6 on political power is a higher priority than economic
7 development by announcing in January 1996 that its
8 official news agency Xinhua, will supervise wire serv-
9 ices selling economic information, including Dow
10 Jones-Telerate, Bloomberg, and Reuters Business,
11 and in announcing in February of 1996 the "In-
12 terim Internet Management Rules", which have the
13 effect of censoring computer networks.

14 (3) Under the May 30, 1997, order of Premier
15 Li Peng, all organizations that engage in business
16 activities related to international computer net-
17 working must now apply for a license, increasing
18 still further government control over access to the
19 internet.

20 (4) Both Radio Free Asia and the Voice of
21 America, as a surrogate for a free press in the Peo-
22 ple's Republic of China, provide an invaluable source
23 of uncensored information to the Chinese people, in-
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2 about the United States and its policies.

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10 should develop 24-hour-a-day service in Mandarin,
11 Cantonese, and Tibetan, as well as further broad-
12 casting capability in the dialects spoken in the Peo-
13 ple's Republic of China.

14 (8) Radio Free Asia and Voice of America, in
15 working toward continuously broadcasting to the
16 People's Republic of China in multiple languages,
17 have the capability to immediately establish 24-hour-
18 a-day Mandarin broadcasting to that nation by stag-
19 gering the hours of Radio Free Asia and Voice of
20 America.

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22 America radio and Worldnet television 7 days a
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1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR IN-**
 2 **CREASED FUNDING FOR RADIO FREE ASIA**
 3 **AND VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTING TO**
 4 **CHINA.**

5 ~~(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RADIO~~
 6 ~~FREE ASIA.—~~

7 ~~(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—~~

8 There are authorized to be appropriated for “Radio
 9 Free Asia” \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and
 10 \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.

11 ~~(2) LIMITATIONS.—~~

12 ~~(A) Of the funds under paragraph (1) au-~~
 13 ~~thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998,~~
 14 ~~\$8,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for~~
 15 ~~one time capital costs.~~

16 ~~(B) Of the funds under paragraph (1),~~
 17 ~~\$700,000 is authorized to be appropriated for~~
 18 ~~each such fiscal year for additional personnel to~~
 19 ~~staff Cantonese language broadcasting.~~

20 ~~(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR~~
 21 ~~INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING TO CHINA AND NORTH~~
 22 ~~KOREA.—In addition to such sums as are otherwise au-~~
 23 ~~thorized to be appropriated for “International Broadcast-~~
 24 ~~ing Activities” for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, there are~~
 25 ~~authorized to be appropriated for “International Broad-~~
 26 ~~casting Activities” \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and~~

1 \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, which shall be available
 2 only for enhanced Voice of America broadcasting to China
 3 and North Korea.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RADIO
 5 CONSTRUCTION.—

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 9 years 1998 and 1999, there are authorized to be ap-
 10 propriated for “Radio Construction” \$10,000,000
 11 for fiscal year 1998 and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year
 12 1999, which shall be available only for construction
 13 in support of enhanced broadcasting to China.

14 (2) LIMITATION.—Of the funds under para-
 15 graph (1) authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
 16 year 1998, \$3,000,000 is authorized to be appro-
 17 priated to facilitate the timely augmentation of
 18 transmitters at Tinian, the Commonwealth of the
 19 Northern Mariana Islands.

20 (d) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be
 21 appropriated for “International Broadcasting Activities”,
 22 the Director of the United States Information Agency and
 23 the Board of Broadcasting Governors shall seek to ensure
 24 that the amounts made available for broadcasting to na-
 25 tions whose people do not fully enjoy freedom of expres-

1 sion do not decline in proportion to the amounts made
2 available for broadcasting to other nations.

3 (c) ~~ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR NORTH KOREA.—~~

4 Of the funds under subsection (b), \$2,000,000 is author-
5 ized to be appropriated for each fiscal year for additional
6 personnel and broadcasting targeted at North Korea.

7 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

8 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, in consultation with the Board of Broadcast-
10 ing Governors, the President shall prepare and transmit
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12 broadcasting of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America to
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14 and languages.

15 **SEC. 5. UTILIZATION OF UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL**
16 **BROADCASTING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC**
17 **SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING FU-**
18 **GITIVES FROM UNITED STATES JUSTICE.**

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